

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S2237–S2285*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 687–698, and S. Res. 86–87. **Pages S2273–74**

**Measures Reported:** S. 316, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market. **Page S2272**

**Improving America's Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4, to make the United States more secure by implementing unfinished recommendations of the 9/11 Commission to fight the war on terror more effectively, to improve homeland security. **Pages S2245–53**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 53), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S2246–47**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2007. **Page S2285**

**Surface Transportation and Rail Security Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 184, to provide improved rail and surface transportation security, be withdrawn. **Page S2245**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill be vitiated.

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Jeffrey A. Taylor, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

14 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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**Executive Communications:** **Pages S2270–72**

**Executive Reports of Committees:** **Pages S2272–73**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S2274–75**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—53) **Page S2247**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** On Tuesday, February 13, 2007 committee approved for reporting the following subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress:

*Subcommittee on Nutrition and Food Assistance, Sustainable and Organic Agriculture, and General Legislation:* Senators Leahy (Chairman), Lincoln, Stabenow, Brown, Casey, Klobuchar, Coleman, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, and Crapo.

*Subcommittee on Energy, Science and Technology:* Senators Conrad (Chairman), Nelson (NE), Salazar, Brown, Casey, Klobuchar, Thune, Lugar, Graham, Coleman, and Grassley.

*Subcommittee on Domestic and Foreign Marketing, Inspection, and Plant and Animal Health:* Senators Baucus (Chairman), Conrad, Stabenow, Nelson (NE), Salazar, Casey, Graham, McConnell, Roberts, Crapo, and Thune.

*Subcommittee on Production, Income Protection and Price Support:* Senators Lincoln (Chairman), Leahy, Conrad, Baucus, Brown, Klobuchar, Roberts, Cochran, Coleman, Thune, and Grassley.

*Subcommittee on Rural Revitalization, Conservation, Forestry and Credit:* Senators Stabenow (Chairman), Leahy, Baucus, Lincoln, Nelson (NE), Salazar, Crapo, Lugar, Cochran, McConnell, and Graham.

#### AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS BUDGET

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for agriculture programs, after receiving testimony from Mike Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture; and Andrew von Eschenbach, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Supplemental Request for fiscal year 2007, after receiving testimony from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State; Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense; and General Peter Pace, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

#### WORLDWIDE THREATS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, after receiving testimony from General Michael D. Maples, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency; Thomas Fingar, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Analysis, and Chairman, and Joseph DeTrani, North Korea Mission Manager, both of the National Intelligence Council; and Vice Admiral John M. McConnell, USN (Ret.), Director, National Intelligence.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 1,281 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

#### PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, after receiving testimony from Senator Casey; Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, Harrisburg; Joseph H. Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Frank J. Busalacchi, Wisconsin Department of

Transportation, Madison, on behalf of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition; Kelly Taylor, Oregon Department of Transportation Rail Division, Salem; and Alex Kummant, Amtrak, Washington, D.C.

#### ENERGY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's energy future, focusing on bold ideas and practical solutions, including the Air Force Energy Strategy for the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Aimone, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Installations, and Mission Support, United States Air Force; Montana Governor, Brian Schweitzer, Helena; Dan E. Arvizu, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, Colorado; Robert Socolow, Princeton University Carbon Mitigation Initiative, Princeton, New Jersey; and Dan W. Reicher, Google Corporation Energy and Climate Initiatives, Mountain View, California.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations Stanley Davis Phillips, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, who was introduced by Senators Dole, Burr, and Lieberman, and Sam Fox, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Belgium, who was introduced by former Senator Danforth and Senators Bond, McCaskill, and Specter, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### TOBACCO REGULATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, after receiving testimony from Lisa Shames, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Matthew Myers, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and Elmer Huerta, American Cancer Society, both of Washington, D.C.; Richard Land, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; Jack E. Henningfield, Pinney and Associates, and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland; Gregory N. Connolly, Harvard School of Public Health, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Alan Blum, University of Alabama Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society, Tuscaloosa.

#### PROSECUTORS AND DEFENDERS INCENTIVE ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 442, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, after receiving testimony from Paul A. Logli, Winnebago

County State's Attorney, Rockford, Illinois, on behalf of the National District Attorneys Association; Jessica A. Bergeman, Cook County Assistant State's At-

torney, Chicago, Illinois; and George B. Shepherd, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 1190–1219; 1 private bill, H.R. 1220; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 38; H. Con. Res. 75; and H. Res. 194, 196–200, were introduced.

Pages H1966–68

**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H1968–70

**Reports Filed:** A report was filed on Friday, February 23rd as follows:

H.R. 556, to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security and to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–24, Pt. 1).

A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 195, providing for consideration of H.R. 556, to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security and to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (H. Rept. 110–25).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Salazar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor Day to celebrate and honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor:** H. Con. Res. 47, to support the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor Day to celebrate and honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 103;

Pages H1900–03, H1931

**Promoting Transparency in Financial Reporting Act of 2007:** H.R. 755, to require annual oral testimony before the Financial Services Committee of the Chairperson or a designee of the Chairperson of the

Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, relating to their efforts to promote transparency in financial reporting, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 104; Pages H1903–05, H1931–32

**Depository Institution Community Development Investments Enhancement Act:** H.R. 1066, to increase community development investments by depository institutions; Pages H1905–06

**Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act:** H.R. 644, to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields; Pages H1906–09

**Promoting Antiterrorism Cooperation through Technology and Science Act:** H.R. 884, to provide for the establishment of the Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 396 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 105; Pages H1909–14, H1932–33

**Recognizing Ann Richards' extraordinary contributions to Texas and American public life:** H. Res. 42, to recognize Ann Richards' extraordinary contributions to Texas and American public life;

Pages H1914–19

**Pell Grant Equity Act of 2007:** H.R. 990, to provide all low-income students with the same opportunity to receive a Pell Grant by eliminating the tuition sensitivity provision in the Pell Grant program; Pages H1919–21

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide all low-income students with the same opportunity to receive a Pell Grant by suspending the tuition sensitivity provision in the Pell Grant program.”

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**Commending the University of Southern California Trojan football team for its victory in the 2007 Rose Bowl:** H. Res. 126, to commend the University of Southern California Trojan football team for its victory in the 2007 Rose Bowl;

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**Congratulating the Mount Union College Purple Raiders for winning the 2006 NCAA Division III**